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Chief Executive Officer

January 29, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: RECOMMENDATION FOR AN  
ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 3 – ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND  
COMMITTEES, CHAPTER 3.20, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION BY UPDATING THE COMPOSITION OF  
THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission of the Los Angeles County Code, to change Section 3.20.040 (J) – Composition (Exhibit I), by updating the composition of the Emergency Medical Services Commission to reflect the current state of the field.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On April 7, 1981, your Board approved and adopted Ordinance 12332 to establish an Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276. The responsibility of the EMSC, among other duties, is to act in an advisory capacity to your Board and the Director of Health Services regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical care services throughout the County, including paramedic services.

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The California Rescue and Paramedic Association, an EMSC member, no longer exists. In order to ensure compliance with the above-noted Health and Safety Code, the California State Firefighters Association will join the EMSC and supply a licensed paramedic to the EMSC. Implementation of this recommendation will allow for the updating of the composition of the EMSC.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In November 2007, the California Rescue and Paramedic Association notified the Department of Health Services (DHS) that it was no longer in operation. In order to supply a licensed paramedic for participation in the EMSC, DHS enlisted the California State Firefighters Association to participate on the EMSC.

Attachment A provides additional information.

The Ordinance has been approved by County Counsel.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no negative impact on current County services or projects by the implementation of this Ordinance amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

By approving the Ordinance amendment, your Board is updating the EMSC to reflect the current state of the field. The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return three copies of your Board's action to DHS.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel

Director and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Services

**SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT**

1. TYPE OF SERVICES:

Composition of the Emergency Medical Services Commission.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

California State Firefighters Association  
Emergency Medical Services Committee  
Raymond Mosack, Alhambra Fire Department  
6213 Eckleson St.  
Lakewood, CA 90713-1914  
E-Mail Address: [rmosack@alhambrafire.org](mailto:rmosack@alhambrafire.org)  
Telephone No.: (626) 570-5190

3. TERM:

Not applicable.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED:

All Districts.

6. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Cathy Chidester, Emergency Medical Services Acting Director, has oversight responsibility for the Emergency Medical Services Commission.

7. APPROVALS:

EMS:	Cathy Chidester
Contracts and Grants:	Cara O'Neill, Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Maya Lee